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1. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE WILLIAM GARDEN OF GARDEN INTERNAIONAL CIRCUS, SARASOTA, FLORIDA (TEL (813) 366-9282) OF THE FOLLOWING:

2. EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICERS REPORT GARDEN CIRCUS PROPOSED TAIWAN SPONSOR, WHO IS S.K. WANG, PRESIDENT, CHIEN KANG INDUSTRIES AND TRAVEL CO., HAS PROVEN DIFFICULT TO WORK WITH IN AT LEAST TWO PREVIOUS INSTANCES WHERE HE HAS SPONSORED APPEARANCES OF FOREIGN PERFORMERS IN TAIWAN.

3. WHEN WAN SPONSORED ICE FOLLIES SKATING SHOW IN LENGTHY SPRING, 1975 TAIWAN ENGAGEMENT, SHOW MANAGERS COMPLAINED TO CONSOFF THAT WANG FAILED TO LIVE UP TO TERMS OF CONTRACT. SPECIFICALLY, SHOW MANAGERS AND PERFORMERS COMPLAINED THEY HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY COLLECTING MONIES DUE THEM FOR TAIWAN PERFORMANCES. MOREOVER, PERFORMERS TOLD CONS OFF THEY HAD BEEN PROMISED BY WAN HE WOULD PAY CHINESE TAXES ON SALARIES BUT IN FACT THEY THEMSELVES WERE FORCED TO PAY TAXES. THEY ALSO ALLEGED EXTRA PERFORMANCES WERE SCHEDULED WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

4. CONS OFFS ALSO REPORT A EUROPEAN CIRCUS UNDER BRITISH MANAGEMENT COMPLAINED TO EMBASSY THAT WANG FAILED TO FULFILL TERMS OF CONTRACT CITING SIMILAR PARTICULARS.

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5. CONS OFF WHO ATTEMPTED TO MEDIATE ABOVE DISPUTES REPORTED
WANG EXTREMELY UNCOOPERATIVE AND REFUSED TO EVEN DISCUSS THE
DISPUTES.
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